

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Specific requirement to report sexual assault? No.

Requirement to report non-accidental or intentional injuries? No.

Requirement to report injuries caused by criminal conduct? Yes, however, there is an exception for sexual assault victims 18 and older not also suffering from a gunshot wound or serious bodily injury.

Additional statutes that may impact competent adult victims of sexual assault? It is mandatory to report gunshot wounds.

STATUTES ADDRESSING PAYMENT FOR EXAMINATIONS

RSA § 21-M:8-c. Victim of Alleged Sexual Offense

If a physician or a hospital provides any physical examination of a victim of an alleged sexual offense to gather information and evidence of the alleged crime, these services shall be provided without charge to the individual. Upon submission of appropriate documentation, the physician or hospital shall be reimbursed for the cost of such examination by the department of justice to the extent such costs are not the responsibility of a third party under a health insurance policy or similar third party obligation. The bill for the medical examination of a sexual assault victim shall not be sent or given to the victim or the family of the victim. The privacy of the victim shall be maintained to the extent possible during third party billings. Billing forms shall be subject to the same principles of confidentiality applicable to any other medical record under RSA 151:13. Where such forms are released for statistical or accounting services, all personal identifying information shall be deleted from the forms prior to release.

REPORTING STATUTES WHICH MAY IMPACT RAPE VICTIMS

RSA § 631:6. Failure to Report Injuries

I. Except as provided in paragraph II, a person is guilty of a misdemeanor if, having knowingly treated or assisted another for a gunshot wound or for any other injury he believes to have been caused by a criminal act, he fails immediately to notify a law enforcement official of all the information he possesses concerning the injury.

II. A person who has rendered treatment or assistance is excepted from the reporting provisions of paragraph I if the person seeking or receiving treatment or other assistance: (a) is 18 years of age or

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older, (b) has been a victim of a sexual assault offense or abuse as defined in RSA 173-B:1, and (c) objects to the release of any information to law enforcement officials. This exception shall not apply if the sexual assault or abuse victim is also being treated for a gunshot wound or other serious bodily injury.

III. [Repealed.]